

DATA STRUCTURES

LIST



INTRODUCTION

- List is a sequence of values called items or elements.
- The elements can be of any data type.
- The list is a most versatile data type available in Python which can be written as a list of comma-separated values (items) between square brackets.
- List are mutable, meaning, their elements can be changed.



CREATING A LIST?

- In Python programming, a list is created by placing all the items (elements) inside a square bracket [], separated by commas.
- It can have any number of items and they may be of different types (integer, float, string etc.).

Method -1 without constructor

empty list

```
my_list = []
```

list of integers

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
```

list with mixed datatypes

```
my_list = [1, "Hello", 3.4]
```

nested list

```
my_list = ["welcome", [8, 4, 6]]
```

Method-2 using list constructor

empty list

```
my_list = list()
```

list of integers

```
my_list = list([1, 2, 3])
```



ACCESS ITEMS FROM A LIST

- It can be accessed in several ways
- Use the index operator [] to access an item in a list. Index starts from 0. So, a list having 5 elements will have index from 0 to 4.

✓ Example:

```
list = ['p','r','o','b','e']
```

```
print(list[2]) #Positive Indexing
```

```
print(list[-2]) #Negative Indexing
```

Output

o
b

ACCESSING THE ELEMENTS OF A LIST

- Index operator [] is used to access an item in a list. Index starts from 0
- marks=[90,80,50,70,60]
- print(marks[0])

Output: 90

- Nested list:
- my_list = ["welcome", [8, 4, 6]]
- Print(marks[1][0])

Output: 8



ACCESSING - NEGATIVE INDEXING

- Python allows negative indexing for its sequences. The index of -1 refers to the last item, -2 to the second last item and so on

```
my_list = ['p','r','o','b','e']
```

```
# Output: e  
print(my_list[-1])
```

```
# Output: p  
print(my_list[-5])
```



HOW TO CHANGE OR ADD ELEMENTS TO A LIST?

#Change Elements

= operator with index

```
>>> marks=[90,60,80]
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

[90, 60, 80]

```
>>> marks[1]=100
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

[90, 100, 80]

#Add Elements

- add one item to a list using `append()` method
- add several items using `extend()`
- insert one item at a desired location by using the method `insert()`

```
>>> marks.append(50)
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

[90, 100, 80, 50]

```
>>> marks.extend([60,80,70])
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

[90, 100, 80, 50, 60, 80, 70]

```
>>> marks.insert(3,40)
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

[90, 100, 80, 40, 50, 60, 80, 70]



HOW TO DELETE OR REMOVE ELEMENTS FROM A LIST?

- delete one or more items from a list using the keyword `del`.
- It can even delete the list entirely.

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[90, 100, 80, 40, 50, 60, 80, 70]
```

```
>>> del marks[6]
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[90, 100, 80, 40, 50, 60, 70]
```

```
>>> del marks
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

Name Error: name 'marks' is not defined

- `clear()` method to empty a list.

```
>>> marks.clear()
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[]
```

- `remove()` method to remove the given item

```
>>> marks=[90,60,80]
```

```
>>> marks.remove(80)
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[90, 60]
```

```
>>> marks.remove(100)
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
  File "<pyshell#1>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
    marks.remove(100)
```

```
ValueError: list.remove(x): x not in list
```

- `pop()` method to remove an item at the given index.

```
>>> marks=[100,20,30]
```

```
>>> marks.pop()
```

```
30
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[100, 20]
```

```
>>> >>> marks.pop(0)
```

```
100
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[20]
```

delete items in a list by assigning an empty list to a slice of elements.

```
marks=[100,20,30]
```

```
>>> marks[1:2]=[]
```

```
>>> print(marks)
```

```
[100, 30]
```



- >>> marks.extend([40,50,60,70])
- >>> marks
- [90, 40, 50, 60, 70]
- >>> marks.pop()
- 70
- >>> marks.pop()
- 60



LIST OPERATORS

- Slicing [::] (i.e) list[start:stop:step]
- Concatenation = +
- Repetition= *
- Membership = in
- Identity = is



SLICE LISTS

- Accessing a range of items in a list by using the slicing operator [] using (colon :).
- Slicing can be best visualized by considering the index to be between the elements.

✓ Example:

```
list = ['p','r','o','b','e']
```

```
print(list[0:4]) #Positive
```

```
print(list[-2:-1]) # Negative
```

Output

[p, 'r', 'o', 'b']

[b]

PYTHON LIST METHODS

append() - Add an element to the end of the list

extend() - Add all elements of a list to the another list

insert() - Insert an item at the defined index

remove() - Removes an item from the list

pop() - Removes and returns an element at the given index

clear() - Removes all items from the list

index() - Returns the index of the first matched item

count() - Returns the count of number of items passed as an argument

sort() - Sort items in a list in ascending order

reverse() - Reverse the order of items in the list

copy() - Returns a shallow copy of the list



LIST METHODS

- `append()` - Add an element to the end of the list.
- `count()` - Returns the count of number of items passed as an argument.
- `extend()` - Add all elements of a list to the another list.
- `index()` - Returns the index of the first matched item.
- `insert()` - Insert an item at the defined index.
- `pop()` - Removes and returns an element at the given index.
- `copy()` - Returns a shallow copy of the list
- `remove()` - Removes an item from the list.
- `reverse()` - Reverse the order of items in the list.
- `sort()` - Sort items in a list in ascending order.

APPEND() METHODS

- The `append()` method adds a single item to the existing list.
- The `append()` method only modifies the original list. It doesn't return any value.
- The `append()` method takes a single *item* and adds it to the end of the list.
- The *item* can be numbers, strings, another list, dictionary etc.
- Syntax

`list.append(item)`

APPEND() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Adding Element to a List

```
list = ['hi', 'hello']
print('old list: ', list)
list.append('welcome!')
print('Updated list: ', list)
```

Output

old list: ['hi', 'hello']
Updated list: ['hi', 'hello', 'welcome!']

Example 2: Adding List to a List

```
list = ['hi', 'hello']
print('old list: ', list)
list1=['welcome']
list.append(list1)
print('Updated list: ', list)
```

Output

old list: ['hi', 'hello']
Updated list: ['hi', 'hello', ['welcome']]

COUNT() METHODS

- Count() method counts how many times an element has occurred in a list and returns it.
- The count() method takes a single argument:
 - **element** - element whose count is to be found.
- The count() method returns the number of occurrences of an element in a list.
- Syntax

```
list.count(element)
```

COUNT() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example: Count the occurrence of an element in the list

```
list = ['h','i','h','o','w','y','o','u','!','!']
```

```
print('The count of i is:',list.count('i'))
```

```
print('The count of o is:',list.count('o'))
```

Output

The count of i is: 1

The count of o is: 2

Example 2: Count the occurrence of tuple and list inside the list

```
list = ['a', ('h', 'i'), ('a', 'b'), [8, 4]]
```

```
count = list.count(('a', 'b'))
```

```
print("The count of ('a', 'b') is:", count)
```

```
count = list.count([3, 4])
```

```
print("The count of [3, 4] is:", count)
```

Output

The count of ('a', 'b') is: 1

The count of [3, 4] is: 0

EXTEND() METHODS

- The extend() extends the list by adding all items of a list to the end.
- Extend() method takes a single argument (a list) and adds it to the end.
- This method also add elements of other native data_types ,like tuple and set to the list,
- Syntax

```
list1.extend(list2)
```

Note : The elements of *list2* are added to the end of *list1*.

```
list.extend(list(tuple_type))
```

Note : The elements of *tuple* are added to the end of *list1*.

EXTEND() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Using extend() Method

```
language = ['C', 'C++', 'Python']
```

```
language1 = ['JAVA', 'COBOL']
```

```
language.extend(language1)
```

```
print('Language List: ', language)
```

Output

```
Language List: ['C', 'C++', 'Python', 'JAVA', 'COBOL']
```

EXTEND() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 2: Add Elements of Tuple and Set to List

```
language = ['C', 'C++', 'Python']
language_tuple = ['JAVA', 'COBOL']
language_set = {'.Net', 'C##'}
language.extend(language_tuple)
print('New Language List: ', language)
language.extend(language_set)
print('Newest Language List: ', language)
```

Output

New Language List: ['C', 'C++', 'Python', 'JAVA', 'COBOL'] Newest

Language List: ['C', 'C++', 'Python', 'JAVA', 'COBOL',

'.Net', 'C##']

INDEX() METHODS

- Index() method search and find given element in the list and returns its position.
- However, if the same element is present more than once, index() method returns its smallest/first position.
- Index in Python starts from 0 not 1.
- The index() method returns the index of the element in the list.
- The index method takes a single argument:
 - **element** - element that is to be searched.
- Syntax

list.index(element)

INDEX() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Find position of element present in the list and not present in the list

```
list = ['h','i','h','o','w','y','o','u','!','!']
```

```
print('The count of i is:',list.index('i'))
```

```
print('The count of o is:',list.index('o'))
```

```
print('The count of o is:',list.index('z'))
```

Output

The count of i is: 1

The count of o is: 3

ValueError: 'z' is not in list

INSERT() METHODS

- The insert() method inserts the element to the list at the given index.
- The insert() function takes two parameters:
 - **index** - position where element needs to be inserted
 - **element** - this is the element to be inserted in the list
- The insert() method only inserts the element to the list. It doesn't return any value.
- Syntax

```
list.insert(index, element)
```

INSERT() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Inserting Element to List

```
vowels=['a','i','o','u']
```

```
print("old list =",vowels)
```

```
vowels.insert(1,'e')
```

```
print("new list =",vowels)
```

Output

```
old list = ['a', 'i', 'o', 'u']
```

```
new list = ['a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u']
```

INSERT() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 2: Inserting a Tuple (as an Element) to the List

```
list = [{1, 2}, [5, 6, 7]]
```

```
print('old List: ', list)
```

```
number_tuple = (3, 4)
```

```
list.insert(1, number_tuple)
```

```
print('Updated List: ', list)
```

Output

old List: [{1, 2}, [5, 6, 7]]

Updated List: [{1, 2}, (3, 4), [5, 6, 7]]

POP() METHODS

- The pop() method takes a single argument (index) and removes the element present at that index from the list.
- If the index passed to the pop() method is not in the range, it throws **IndexError: pop index out of range** exception.
- The parameter passed to the pop() method is optional. If no parameter is passed, the default index -1 is passed as an argument.
- Also, the pop() method removes and returns the element at the given index and updates the list.
- Syntax

list.pop(index)

POP() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Pop Element at the Given Index from the List

```
list = ['Python', 'Java', 'C++', 'French', 'C']
```

```
return_value = language.pop(3)
```

```
print('Return Value: ', return_value)
```

```
print('Updated List: ', language)
```

Output

```
old list = ['Python', 'Java', 'C++', 'French', 'C']
```

```
Return Value: French
```

```
Updated List: ['Python', 'Java', 'C++', 'C']
```

POP() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 2: pop() when index is not passed

```
language = ['Python', 'Java', 'C++', 'C']
print('Return Value: ', language.pop())
print('Updated List: ', language)
print('Return Value: ', language.pop(-1))
print('Updated List: ', language)
```

Output

```
Return Value: C
Updated List: ['Python', 'Java', 'C++']
Return Value: C++ Updated List:
['Python', 'Java']
```

COPY() / ALIASING METHODS

- The `copy()` method returns a shallow copy of the list.
- A list can be copied with `=` operator.

```
old_list = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
new_list = old_list
```

- The problem with copying the list in this way is that if you modify the `new_list`, the `old_list` is also modified.
- Syntax

```
new_list = old_list
```

COPY() / ALIASING METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1: Copying a List

```
old_list = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
new_list = old_list
```

```
new_list.append('a')
```

```
print('New List:', new_list )
```

```
print('Old List:', old_list )
```

Output

```
New List: [1, 2, 3, 'a']
```

```
Old List: [1, 2, 3, 'a']
```

SHALLOW COPY() / CLONING METHODS

- We need the original list unchanged when the new list is modified, you can use copy() method.
- This is called **shallow copy**.
- The copy() method doesn't take any parameters.
- The copy() function returns a list. It doesn't modify the original list.
- Syntax

```
new_list = list.copy()
```

SHALLOW COPY() / CLONING METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 2: Shallow Copy of a List Using Slicing

```
list = [1,2,4]
new_list = list[:]
new_list.append(5)
print('Old List: ', list)
print('New List: ', new_list)
```

Output

```
Old List: [1, 2, 4]
New List: [1, 2, 4, 5]
```

REMOVE() METHODS

- The remove() method searches for the given element in the list and removes the first matching element.
- The remove() method takes a single element as an argument and removes it from the list.
- If the element(argument) passed to the remove() method doesn't exist, valueError exception is thrown.
- Syntax

```
list.remove(element)
```

REMOVE() METHODS - PROGRAMS

Example 1 : Remove Element From The List

```
list = [5,78,12,26,50]
```

```
print('Original list: ', list)
```

```
list.remove(12)
```

```
print('Updated list elements: ', list)
```

Output

```
Original list: [5, 78, 12, 26,  
50]Updated list: [5, 78, 26, 50]
```

REVERSE() METHODS

- The reverse() method reverses the elements of a given list.
- The reverse() function doesn't return any value. It only reverses the elements and updates the list.
- Syntax

list.reverse()

REVERSE() METHODS - PROGRAM

Example 1 :Reverse a List Using Slicing Operator

```
list = [1,5,8,6,11,55]
```

```
print('Original List:', list)
```

```
reversed_list = list[::-1]
```

```
print('Reversed List:', reversed_list)
```

Output

```
Original List: [1, 5, 8, 6, 11, 55]
```

```
Reversed List: [55, 11, 6, 8, 5, 1]
```

Example 2: Reverse a List

```
list = [1,5,8,6,11,55]
```

```
print('Original List:', list)
```

```
list.reverse()
```

```
print('Reversed List:', list)
```

Output

```
Original List: [1, 5, 8, 6, 11, 55]
```

```
Reversed List: [55, 11, 6, 8, 5, 1]
```

SORT() METHODS

- The sort() method sorts the elements of a given list.
- The sort() method sorts the elements of a given list in a specific order - Ascending or Descending.
- Syntax

list.sort()

REVERSE() METHODS - PROGRAM

Example 1 :Sort a given List in ascending order

```
list = [1,15,88,6,51,55]
```

```
print('Original List:', list)
```

```
list.sort()
```

```
print('sorted List:', list)
```

Output

Original List: [1, 15, 88, 6, 51, 55]

sorted List: [1, 6, 15, 51, 55, 88]

Example 2 : Sort the list in Descending order

```
list = [1,15,88,6,51,55]
```

```
print('Original List:', list)
```

```
list.sort(reverse=True)
```

```
print('sorted List:', list)
```

Output

Original List: [1, 15, 88, 6, 51, 55]

sorted List: [88, 55, 51, 15, 6, 1]

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS WITH LIST

Function	Description
<u>all()</u>	Return True if all elements of the list are true (or if the list is empty).
<u>any()</u>	Return True if any element of the list is true. If the list is empty, return False.
<u>enumerate()</u>	Return an enumerate object. It contains the index and value of all the items of list as a tuple.
<u>len()</u>	Return the length (the number of items) in the list.
<u>list()</u>	Convert an iterable (tuple, string, set, dictionary) to a list.
<u>max()</u>	Return the largest item in the list.
<u>min()</u>	Return the smallest item in the list
<u>sorted()</u>	Return a new sorted list (does not sort the list itself).
<u>sum()</u>	Return the sum of all elements in the list.
<u>copy()</u>	
<u>reversed()</u>	

